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cc: Council

WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

O - OUTGOING

H - INTERNAL

INCOMING

Date Correspondence Received (YY/MM/DD) 96/04/08

Name of Correspondent: Diane C. Reagan

MI Mail Report

User Codes: (A) _____ (B) _____ (C) _____

Subject: Wants the President not to veto the partial birth abortion ban

ROUTE TO:

ACTION

DISPOSITION

Office/Agency (Staff Name)	Action Code	Tracking Date YY/MM/DD	Type of Response	Code	Completion Date YY/MM/DD
W Quinn	ORIGINATOR	96/04/08	W	A	96/04/08
WAT 26 (Reagan)	2	96/04/10	CP2A	A	96/08/09
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		1/1			1/1
		1/1			1/1

ACTION CODES:

- A - Appropriate Action
- C - Comment/Recommendation
- D - Draft Response
- F - Furnish Fact Sheet to be used as Enclosure
- I - Info Copy Only/No Action Necessary
- R - Direct Reply w/Copy
- S - For Signature
- X - Interim Reply

DISPOSITION CODES:

- A - Answered
- B - Non-Special Referral
- C - Completed
- S - Suspended

FOR OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE:

- Type of Response = Initials of Signer
- Code = "A"
- Completion Date = Date of Outgoing

Comments: _____

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PRESIDENTIAL REPLY

Code	Date	Comment	Form
C	_____	Time: _____	P- _____
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SIGNATURE CODES:

- CPn** - Presidential Correspondence
 - n - 0 - Unknown
 - n - 1 - William J. Clinton
 - n - 2 - Bill Clinton
 - n - 3 - Bill
- CLn** - First Lady 's Correspondence
 - n - 1 - Hillary Rodham Clinton
 - n - 2 - Hillary Clinton
 - n - 3 - Hillary
 - n - 4 - Mrs. Hillary Clinton
- CBn** - Presidential & First Lady's Correspondence
 - n - 1 - Hillary & Bill Clinton
 - n - 2 - Hillary & Bill

MEDIA CODES:

- B** - Box/package
- C** - Copy
- D** - Official document
- F** - FAX
- G** - Message
- H** - Handcarried
- L** - Letter
- M** - Mailgram
- O** - Memo
- P** - Photo
- R** - Report
- S** - Sealed
- T** - Telegram
- V** - Telephone
- X** - Miscellaneous
- Y** - Study

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August 7, 1996

Ms. Diane C. Reagan

P6/(b)(6)

[001]

Dear Diane:

Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 1833, the so-called "partial birth abortion ban." As you know, I have vetoed this bill, but I appreciate your sincerity and candor on this difficult issue. Because my position on this bill has been widely misunderstood, I'd like to explain it as clearly as I can.

I am against late-term abortions and have long opposed them, except, as the Supreme Court requires, where necessary to protect the life or health of the mother. As Governor of Arkansas, I signed into law a bill that barred third trimester abortions, with an appropriate exception for life or health, and I would sign a bill to do the same thing at the federal level if it were presented to me.

The particular procedure described in H.R. 1833 poses a difficult and disturbing issue, one which I studied and prayed about for many months. When I first heard a description of this procedure, I anticipated that I would support the bill. But after I studied the matter and learned more about it, I came to believe that this rarely used procedure is justifiable as a last resort when doctors judge it necessary to save a woman's life or to avert serious consequences to her health.

In April, I met several women who desperately wanted to have their babies and were devastated to learn that their babies had fatal conditions and would not live. These women wanted anything other than an abortion, but were advised by their doctors that this procedure was their best chance to avert the risk of death or grave harm which, in some cases, would have included an inability to bear children. For these women, this was not about choosing against having a child. Their babies were certain to perish before, during, or shortly after birth. The only question was how much grave damage the mother was going to suffer.



Some have raised the question whether this procedure is ever most appropriate as a matter of medical practice. The best answer to this question comes from the medical community, which broadly supports the continued availability of this procedure in cases where a woman's serious health interests are at stake. In those rare cases, I believe the woman's doctors should have the ability to determine, in the best exercise of their medical judgment, that the procedure is indeed necessary.

The problem with H.R. 1833 is that it provides an exception to the ban on this procedure only when a doctor believes that a woman's life is at risk, but not when the doctor believes that she faces real, grave risks to her health. I support an exception that takes effect only where a woman faces real, serious adverse health consequences. Some have cited cases where fraudulent health reasons are relied upon as an excuse -- excuses I could never condone. But people of good faith must recognize that there are also cases where the health risks facing a woman are deadly serious and real. It is in those cases that I believe an exception to the general ban on the procedure must be allowed.

That is why I implored Congress to add a limited exception for the small number of compelling cases where use of the procedure is necessary to avert serious adverse health consequences. Congress ignored my proposal, but I have continued to make it clear that if Congress will produce a bill that meets my concerns, I will sign it.

In short, I do not support the use of this procedure on demand or on the strength of mild health complaints. But I do believe that we cannot abandon women, like the women I spoke with, whose doctors advise them that they need the procedure to avoid serious injury. I continue to hope that a solution can be reached on this painful issue.

Once again, I appreciate hearing your views, and I am grateful that you took the time to write.

Sincerely, **BILL CLINTON** ✱

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cc: Counsel

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DIANE C. REAGAN
ATTORNEY AT LAW

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March 29, 1996

The Office of the White House Counsel
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, DC 20500

Re: *Communication with the White House*

Dear Sir:

I tried to call the White House today and was shocked that I could not get through on any of the public numbers. I find it disgraceful that the White House has completely cut itself off from the voices of those of us who put this administration in office.

Presumably, the official response will be that the White House was too overwhelmed by calls to respond after Focus on the Family asked its listeners to voice their opinions regarding the partial birth abortion ban. It strains credulity to believe that the White House could not find a way to handle this communications problem with all of its resources. Couldn't some of the "full voicemails" have been rolled over to new tapes? Why were some of the numbers I called unanswered during regular business hours? Couldn't any of the federal government communications experts handle this problem? Is this another example of our tax dollars "at work"?

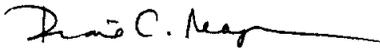
Was it really an unsolvable equipment problem or has the administration decided that once in Washington the opinions of other Americans don't count? Has the administration decided to only listen to the opinions of those with whom it agrees? It is obvious that you have decided to exclude the opinions of Focus on the Family listeners. I find this tact discriminatory and highly offensive.

I am hopeful that you have not instructed the postal service to "deep six" any mail directed to you within the next few days on the possibility that it could contain views different from yours.

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I am writing to ask you ^{to} advise the President not to veto the partial birth abortion ban. The bill, as passed by Congress clearly reflects the views of the majority of Americans and provides ample safeguards for the protection of the life of the mother. To permit the killing of these partially born babies short of preservation of the life of the mother is to permit a monstrous evil.

Very truly yours,

By 
DIANE C. REAGAN